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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) A dialog system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the user models (22, 25) contain estimates for the reliability of recognition results derived from user inputs.

5. (amended) A dialog system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that fixed models of user stereotypes (22) are used for forming the user models.

6. (amended) A dialog system as claimed in claim 1,

characterized

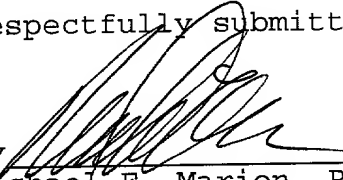
in that user models (25) are used which are continuously updated based on inputs of the respective user.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

3. (amended) A dialog system as claimed in claim ~~1 or 2~~,
characterized
in that the user models (22, 25) contain estimates for the
reliability of recognition results derived from user inputs.

5. (amended) A dialog system as claimed in ~~one of the claims 1 to~~
4claim 1,
characterized
in that fixed models of user stereotypes (22) are used for forming
the user models.

6. (amended) A dialog system as claimed in ~~one of the claims 1 to~~
5claim 1,
characterized
in that user models (25) are used which are continuously updated
based on inputs of the respective user.